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- a. The buoy marking the entrance to Pechora Bay was not marked. It was in an estimated position N 68-59, E 55-42. It was a tall red-painted sound buoy, and it appeared to be completely new. 50X1-HUM
- b. The turning buoy north of Shuydetskiy was located in the middle of the channel; it was not a little west of the channel as was indicated on the Admiralty chart.
- c. There was an uncharted black and white buoy on the east side of the channel; it was located in a position about 4' N of the turning buoy.
- d. The stick buoy [redacted] on the south side of Aleksandrovskaya Shoal (N 68-48, E 55-48) was not located. Also, the shoal extended a little farther south [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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3. The pier at Naryan Mar (N 67-40, E 53-05) was about 500 feet long and was built of wood that was not suitable for other purposes. The depth of the water alongside the pier was 10 or 11 feet, but about five meters out from the pier the depth was 20 to 24 feet. The mooring stakes were located far inland and were very poor. About a quarter of a mile down from the lumber pier, there was another pier of approximately the same length. This pier appeared to be in better condition than the lumber pier, and it appeared to be used for a coal pier. [redacted] the amount of coal on the dock 50X1-HUM to be approximately 2,000 tons. There were many empty lighters at the pier. According to the pilot, the coal came from Svalbard.
4. The city of Naryan Mar was located diagonally across from the lumber pier and could be seen from that point. Informant noticed a large factory chimney in the city. During a thunder storm the chimney was struck by lightning, and a long column of fire came out of the chimney.
5. [redacted] cut lumber in the storage areas in Pechora (N 65-25, 50X1-HUM E 57-02). The stowing of the cargo was carried out better in Pechora than in Mezen (N 65-50, E 44-16). Male workmen, who worked in 12 hour shifts, were used. [redacted] in Pechora [redacted] a Soviet merchant 50X1-HUM vessel of about 2,000 tons being towed by two tugs. The vessel was German-rigged. [redacted] four large seagoing tugs and some smaller 50X1-HUM motor-driven harbor tugs. A paddle-driven tug was also observed.
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